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INTEGRATED DEVICE

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the items are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

- (1) "Guided-Wave Acoustooptic Bragg Modulators for Wide-Band Integrated Optic Communications and Signal Processing", Chen S. Tsai, IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems, Volume CAS-26, No. 12, December 1979, pages 1072-1098.

Applicants also wish to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) "Inhibited Spontaneous Emission in Solid-State Physics and Electronics", Eli Yablonovitch, Physical Review Letters, Volume 58, No. 20, May 18, 1987, pages 2059-2062; and
- (3) "Existence of a Photonic Gap in Periodic Dielectric Structures", K.M. Ho, C.T. Chan, and C.M. Soukoulis, Physical Review Letters, Volume 65, No. 25, December 17, 1990, pages 3152-3155.

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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